

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-18, and 21-22 are pending in the application with the present amendments. Claims 2, 6, 11 and 19-20 are cancelled by the present amendments. Claims 21 and 22 are new.

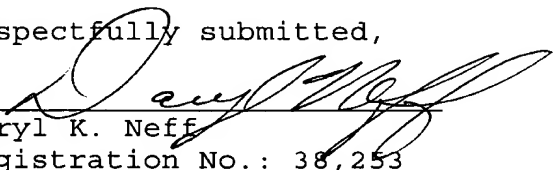
Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability in the Official Action as to the subject matter of claims 2, 6 and 11. With the present amendments, all of the pending claims are now directed to subject matter allowed by the Examiner as follows. Independent claim 1 incorporates the subject matter of claim 2, and the independent claims 17, 21 and 22 include similar recitations. For example, claim 22 is a claim to a recording medium for performing a method, such as recited in claim 1. In addition, independent claim 3 incorporates the subject matter of claim 6, independent claim 8 incorporates the subject matter of claim 11 and independent claim 7 includes similar recitations. The remaining claims of the application are allowable by virtue of their dependency from the aforementioned independent claims.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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